

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **GEORGES et al.** Docket No.: 641050.90013  
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Title: **P-40/ANNEXIN I AND RELATED PROTEINS AND THEIR  
ROLE IN MULTIDRUG RESISTANCE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-5; 8-14; and 28-29 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A method of identifying a compound[s] that affects Annexin-based MDR in a cell, said method comprising:

- a) incubating said cell in the presence of a potential Annexin-based MDR-affecting compound in the presence and absence of a drug; and
- b) assessing the effect of said compound on the resistance of said cell to said drug.

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